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EARTHQUAKE TREMORS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether earthquake tremors were felt recently in Mumbai, Pune and Andaman and Nicobar and other places in the country and a meeting of Central Disaster Management Group was held in New Delhi in March, 2005 after getting information about it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether meteorological department or any other department had forecasted these earthquake tremors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. An earthquake of magnitude of 5.1, occurred in Koyna region on 14th March 2005, was felt in Mumbai, Pune and other parts of Maharashtra. Also, the Andaman & Nicobar Islands region has been experiencing aftershock activity due to the recent two Great earthquakes in Sumatra Island (Indonesia). A total of 304 aftershocks of magnitude 5.0 and above have been recorded so far. No specific meeting of Central Disaster Management Group was held in March 2005 after the Koyna earthquake.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d): At present there is no scientific method available all over the world to forecast earthquakes in terms of time, space and magnitude